



Library Notes

OCTOBER 2009

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Summer Reading Program manual arriving soon.
- Winter Reading program materials should arrive in November
- October 8 read the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Milestones for Child Development
- VA Library Association Conference 10/29-30/2009 more information at www.vla.rog

Children with Disabilities in the Library

Online Course

Imagine that a child with a disability came into your library. Would he or she feel welcome? How would you provide library service to this child?

A child with a disability may need an individual service plan. But many books or articles provide generalizations and all-encompassing descriptions. This course will take another approach. By reading juvenile novels about children with disabilities, we will discover their individual needs. First, we will examine how schools handle students with disabilities. Then we will explore ways that the library might be able to assist each child. We will look at inclusive programming, assistive technologies, staff attitudes and legal considerations.

This course is not intended to be a comprehensive course. Rather, we will collaboratively develop strategies for determining needs and identify resources that can be consulted when an actual child requires our help.

Instructor: Katherine (Kate) Todd, Adjunct Instructor, Manhattanville (NY) College. Courses are taught asynchronously using Moodle, an online learning community. A certificate of completion will be sent to participants upon successful completion of the course.

Detailed descriptions and course registration information is available on the ALSC Web site at www.ala.org/alscevents. Fees are \$95 for personal ALSC members; \$145 for personal ALA members; and \$165 for non-members.

Questions? Contact Jenny Najduch at jnajduch@ala.org or (312) 280-4026.

The Library of Virginia will reimburse up to 12 people who complete the class and share the information presented in the class with at least two other libraries. Please contact Enid at enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov if you wish to participate.

Summer Reading Program

Online Course

Begins November 2 sign up at

<http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> and click on November 2

The Summer Reading Program online course is designed for youth services staff who have never planned a summer reading program for a public library. Experienced staff may find the course beneficial as well. Each week's lesson will contain material to be read, followed by activities to perform. There will be opportunities to share information and ideas through conference telephone calls. There is no cost for the session, but we are limiting enrollment to 25 people. Once the class is full we will schedule additional sessions.

Virginia Readers' Choice

To become a qualified voter, a participant must be exposed to at least four of the nominated books at each level in their entirety by reading them himself, having them read aloud to him, or a combination of the two.

Students may participate in the Virginia Readers' Choice Program through a public library, school library, or classroom.

Each qualified voter has one vote for his/her favorite book at each level. A participant may vote at more than one level - for instance an elementary student may choose to vote for an elementary level title and a primary level title.

A responsible adult in a classroom or library setting must monitor the voting, and only one official tally sheet per program level (Primary, Elementary, etc.) may be submitted from each public library or school regardless of how many individual groups within that school / library take part in the program. The total number of votes submitted from a school / library may not exceed the number of students qualified to vote from that school / library.

The winning book for each level is selected by popular vote of the participating students evaluating the books. Votes must meet the deadline date to be included in the popular vote.

Primary (K-3)

Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp Denise Fleming, Henry Holt, 2008.
The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County Janice N. Harrington, Farrar, 2007.
My Chincoteague Pony Susan Jeffers, Hyperion, 2008.
Fred Stays with Me! Nancy Coffelt, Little Brown, 2007.
Library Mouse Daniel Kirk, Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2007.
Little Red Riding Hood Jerry Pinckney, Little Brown, 2007.
Meerkat Mail Emily Gravett, Simon and Schuster, 2007.
Old Bear Kevin Henkes, Harper Collins, 2008.
Once Upon a Banana Jennifer Armstrong, Simon and Schuster, 2006.
Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly Alan Madison and Kevin Hawkes, Schwartz And Wade, 2007.

Elementary (3-5)

Crooked Kind of Perfect Linda Urban, Harcourt Children's Books, 2007.
Dad, Jackie, and Me Myron Uhlberg, Peachtree, 2005.
Eleven Patricia Reilly Giff, Random House, 2008.
Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat Lynne Jonell, Henry Holt and Co., 2007.
The Ghost, the White House, and Me Judith St. George, Holiday House, 2007.
Igraine the Brave Cornelia Funke, Scholastic, 2008.
Lemonade War Jacqueline Davies, Houghton Mifflin, 2007.
Mallory Vs. Max Laurie Friedman, Lerner Publishing Group, 2004.
No Talking Andrew Clements, Simon and Schuster, 2007.
Vinnie and Abraham Dawn Fitzgerald, Charlesbridge, 2007.

Middle (6-8)

The Black Book of Secrets F.E. Higgins, Feiwel and Friends, 2007.
Book of a Thousand Days Shannon Hale, Bloomsbury, 2007.
First Light Rebecca Stead, Wendy Lamb Books, 2007.
Keeper Mal Peet, Candlewick, 2005.
Lawn Boy Gary Paulsen, Wendy Lamb Books, 2007.
London Calling Edward Bloor, Knopf, 2006.
Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller Sarah Miller, Atheneum, 2007.
Savvy Ingrid Law, Dial, 2008.
The Uprising Margaret Peterson Haddix, Simon and Schuster, 2007.
Wednesday Wars Gary Schmidt, Clarion, 2007.

High School (9-12)

Fortunes of Indigo Skye Deb Caletti, Simon and Schuster, 2008.
Inside Out: Portrait of an Eating Disorder Nadia Shivack, Ginee Seo Books, 2007.
The Last Lecture Randy Pausch, Hyperion Press, 2008.
Quaking Kathryn Erskine, Philomel, 2007.
Tamar Mal Peet, Candlewick Press, 2007.
Thirteen Reasons Why Jay Asher, Penguin, 2007.
Trouble Gary Schmidt, Clarion, 2008.
Tyrell Coe Booth, Scholastic, 2006.
Unwind Neal Shusterman, Simon and Schuster, 2007.
Wildwood Dancing Juliet Marillier, Albert A. Knopf, 2007.

For more information go to <http://www.vsra.org/VRC.html>

I Love My Librarian Award

Nominations are still open for the 2009 Carnegie Corporation of New York / New York Times I Love My Librarian Award.

The award invites library users to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community. Nominations will run through **October 9** and are being accepted online at www.ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.

Up to 10 librarians will be selected. Each will receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and a \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards ceremony and reception in New York, hosted by The New York Times in December. In addition, a plaque will be given to each award winner's library.

Each nominee must be a librarian with a master's degree from a program accredited by the ALA in library and information studies or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Nominees must be currently working in the United States in a public library, a library at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or at an accredited K-12 school.

Nominees will be judged by a selection committee based on quality of service to library users, demonstrated knowledge of the library and its resources and commitment shown in helping library users.

In 2008, Carnegie Corporation of New York awarded the American Library Association (ALA) \$489,000 to support the award, which will continue annually through 2012. The award continues in the tradition of one The New York Times presented from 2001 to 2006.

Last year, more than 3,200 library users nationwide nominated a librarian, and 10 librarians received the award. For more information on last year's winners, visit ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.

The award is administered by ALA's Public Information Office and Campaign for America's Libraries, ALA's public awareness campaign that promotes the value of libraries and librarians.

Carnegie Corp. of New York was created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote "the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding." For more than 95 years, the foundation has carried out its founder's vision of philanthropy by building on his two major concerns: international peace and advancing education and knowledge. Each year, the private grant-making foundation invests more than \$100 million in nonprofit organizations to fulfill Mr. Carnegie's mission, "to do real and permanent good in this world."

I Love My Librarian!
2009 Award

The New York Times Company, a leading media company with 2008 revenues of \$2.9 billion, includes The New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, The Boston Globe, 15 other daily newspapers, WQXR-FM and more than 50 Web sites, including NYTimes.com, Boston.com and About.com. The

Company's core purpose is to enhance society by creating, collecting and distributing high-quality news, information and entertainment.

The authors from the Class of 2k9 are doing some free visits, either in person or virtually (via Skype), as part of their "Authors to Go" program. The website mentions schools, but they'll happily do libraries. I haven't tried it at my library, but it seems worth looking into & I thought I'd share!

Website - <http://www.classof2k9.com/?q=node/58>

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Josh Berk
Allentown Public Library
Taken from PubYac

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) is a great resource, and I believe they have a new online database of authors who do school and library visits. Try www.scbwi.org. ...If there's a specific author you're interested in, you can also check with their publisher. ... Hope I've been helpful!

Best wishes, Ruth Spiro
Taken from PubYac

**Forms
should be
submitted to
Enid Costley
November 6,
2009**

Youth Services Advisory Committee

Nomination Form

Our ideal committee member has a love for children; an extensive background in literature for children and young adults; can apply knowledge of child development to a library setting; is able to attend meetings; and complete all tasks in a timely matter. In addition, the committee member has obtained a Masters in Library Science or has life experiences that would provide a unique perspective to the committee.

The Youth Service Advisory Committee will meet a maximum of two times during the year and participate in monthly phone conferences. Correspondence will generally be done via email or posting on wiki.

The Library of Virginia is most interested in people willing to work on the following projects.

Family Literacy/ Read Aloud Program
Smart Beginnings
Summer Reading Program
Tips for Librarians
Youth Services

Name

Name of Library System and Branch (if Applicable)

Library Mailing Address

Phone number work

Phone number home

Fax number

e-mail address

Background Information

Which area are you most interested in. Why?

Please obtain a letter of support from your supervisor. It should include support to participate in the committee and attend meetings. The letter should include an understanding that the Library of Virginia will pay for mileage to meetings and meals (if any is provided). Lodging will be provided if needed and approved in advance.

If you have any questions please contact Enid Costley at enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3765



Notes from the desk of Children's and Youth Services

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New Children Services Contacts

Julie Wright - Bedford Public Library
Yvonne Hilliard-Bradley - Blackwater Regional Library
Peggy Waldemeyer (now Peggy Taylor) - Colonial Heights Public Library
Cary Frostick - Mary Riley Styles Public Library
Kristin Hamon - Orange County Public Library
Candace Wimbish - Pittsylvania County Public Library
Jena Hardy - Pulaski County Library System
Kim Weatherly - Russell County Public Library
Diane Cary - Shenandoah County Library
Brenda Sutton - Staunton Public Library

If I missed anyone, please email me at enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov

On October 8, 2009, join hundreds of thousands of record-breakers as together they read Eric Carle's classic book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in celebration of reading!
Join the campaign at www.readfortherecord.org.
Site has a Event Toolkit for librarians.

Milestones for Child Development

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Eleanor Jo Rogers' article "Public Libraries Necessity or Amenities" was published in the 2009 August/September issue of **American Libraries**. In the article she notes .

Some services can be viewed either as amenities or as necessities. For example, if story hours are offered principally because children and their caregivers love them, they are properly understood as amenities. If they are provided in response to a shared community commitment to the right of every child to enter school ready to read, they are necessities. (American Libraries, August/September 2009, page 48)

I would encourage you to think of preschool programs and all programs as necessities. This may mean that libraries will need to articulate why programs and services are provided in language that reflects how these services are part of a larger picture of building healthy communities.

Each library building will be receiving a gift from the Virginia Department of Social Services - **Milestones of Child Development Learning and Development from Birth to Kindergarten: Virginia's Early Childhood Development Alignment Project** and **Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals: Virginia's Early Childhood Development Alignment Project**. Both these books were created as part of an initiative of Smart Beginnings — Ready for School, Ready for Life.